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Anaheim Pimp Convicted of Using Child Runaways as Prostitutes

SANTA ANA – A Long Beach man was convicted today of running a prostitution business near Disneyland using runaway teen-aged girls.

Jurors deliberated just 3-1/2 hours before convicting Omoro Conteh McCoy, 20, of the following charges: three counts of pimping; three counts of pandering; and two counts of procuring lewd acts on children. He is scheduled to be sentenced on March 23 in Dept. C-31.

McCoy was indicted by the Grand Jury on Nov. 9 after prosecutors presented two days of testimony. His jury trial lasted four days and the children testified.

The case involves three children aged 13, 14, and 16. The two younger girls ran away from home in Anaheim Hills; the third was a runaway from Long Beach. They met McCoy on the streets of Anaheim and he worked them as prostitutes primarily in the areas of Orange Avenue and Beach and Harbor Boulevards. McCoy required the girls to give him all of the money they earned – up to \$700 a day – and in return, he clothed, fed and housed them.

Undercover Anaheim police investigators began surveillance on the girls beginning Oct. 11. On that date, an investigator posed as a customer with two of the girls and was able to convince them to telephone McCoy. In a conversation that was secretly tape recorded, McCoy asked the girls how much they made, referred to the third girl and arranged to pick them up. McCoy was arrested as he arrived at an apartment complex to pick up the children.

In addition to this case, undercover Anaheim police officers have also arrested two other alleged pimps in separate cases that are awaiting trial.